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# THE WEEK

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FOR THE WEEK OF

CITY CALENDAR	
OCTOBER	
<b>11</b>	Story Hour, 10:30 a.m. City Council Legislative Committee Meeting, 3:30 p.m. Board of Zoning Appeals, 7:30 p.m.
<b>12</b>	Commissioner of the Revenue's & Treasurer's Offices Closed
<b>13</b>	Farmers Market, 8 a.m.-Noon
<b>15</b>	Yard Waste & Special Collections Last Day for Bundled Brush Collection Until Jan. 7, 2008 Leaf Collection Begins Story Hour, 10:30 a.m. City Council Work Session, 7:30 p.m. Planning Commission, 7:45 p.m.
<b>16</b>	Story Hour, 10:30 a.m. Board of Equalization, 7 p.m. Historical Commission, 7:30 p.m.
<b>17</b>	General District Court in Session Senior Citizens Commission, 4 p.m. Board of Equalization, 7 p.m. Story Hour, 7 p.m. Library Board of Trustees, 7:30 p.m. Tree Commission, 7:30 p.m.

Holiday Craft Vendors Wanted
The Recreation & Parks Division is looking for vendors for the 15th Annual Juried Holiday Craft Show, which will be held Saturday, Dec. 1 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and Sunday Dec. 2 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Falls Church Community Center. All items must be hand-made by the vendor. To apply, please call 703-248-5077 (TTY 711) or e-mail recreation@fallschurchva.gov and request an application.

MRS Public Library "Food for Fines" Week Sunday, Oct. 21- Saturday, Oct. 27
The Mary Riley Styles Public Library's annual "Food for Fines" Week initiative provides patrons the opportunity to help those in need by donating non-perishable groceries as payment for fines on overdue items. For more information, check back here next week, call 703-248-5030 (TTY 711), or visit www.falls-church.lib.va.us.

Register for the City's Online Newsletter at <a href="http://www.fallschurchva.gov">www.fallschurchva.gov</a>

Register to Receive Emergency Alerts

## Fall Leaf Collection Begins Monday

City crews will vacuum-collect loose leaves Oct. 15 through Dec. 14. Residents who still have brush or other yard debris to be collected, please note:

- Oct. 15 is the last day for bundled brush collection until Jan. 7, 2008.
- Oct. 29 is the last day for bagged yard waste until Jan. 7, 2008.
- Residents may call for special collection for brush and yard waste for a fee. To schedule call 703-534-6509.
- There will be no collections Monday, Nov. 12 (Veterans Day), Monday, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve) or Monday, Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve).
- Yard debris of all kinds (brush, leaves, grass, yard trimmings, etc.) is accepted year-round at the Fairfax County I-66 Transfer

Station, 4618 W. Ox Road in Fairfax. Call 703-631-1179 for details.

Residents who wish to have their loose leaves collected by the City are advised to rake their leaves to the curb. For safety, avoid placing leaves in the street gutter or sidewalk. The leaves that are collected will be processed into high-quality leaf mulch and offered back to citizens in January.

- Week of October 15 – Tuesday and Wednesday refuse collection zones (areas south of Broad Street)
- Week of October 22 – Thursday and Friday refuse collection zones (areas north of Broad Street)

For further details visit [www.fallschurchva.gov](http://www.fallschurchva.gov) or call the Operations Division at 703-248-5281 (TTY 711). The weekly leaf collection schedule will be published here in the *Weekly FOCUS*.

## Heating Assistance Programs for Eligible Low-Income Residents

City of Falls Church residents who need help paying home heating bills or who face an emergency heating situation this winter may qualify financial assistance from two federally funded programs locally administered by the Fairfax County Department of Family Services, with which the City of Falls Church contracts for services.

The **Fuel Assistance Program** helps eligible low-income households with the costs of heating their homes. Fuel Assistance applications will be accepted Oct. 9-Nov. 9, 2007.

The **Crisis Assistance Program** helps households in emergency situations by providing primary heat security deposits and funding the repair or replacement of heating equip-

ment. Crisis Assistance applications will be accepted Nov. 1, 2007-March 17, 2008.

Applications are available online through the Virginia Department of Social Services Web site ([www.dss.virginia.gov/form](http://www.dss.virginia.gov/form)) or by calling the energy assistance phone line at 703-324-7604 (TTY 703-222-9452). Applications can also be picked up at the City of Falls Church Housing and Human Services Division [300 Park Ave., Suite 100 West; Tel: 703-248-5005 (TTY 711)] and the Falls Church Department of Family Services [6245 Leesburg Pike; Tel: 703-533-5300 (TTY 703-533-5316)].

For assistance completing the application, please call HHS at 703-248-5005 (TTY 711).

## Thank You Fall Cleanup Volunteers!

Thank you to the 150 volunteers who picked up litter during the Oct. 6 Fall Cleanup. Falls Church looks beautiful thanks to your efforts. About three tons of trash, debris, and recycling were removed from City streets, parking lots, and parks.

## Old-Fashioned Fun in Falls Church

Falls Church families enjoyed a day of fun fall activities, including hayrides, pony rides, a petting farm, scarecrow making, pumpkin painting, beekeeping, blacksmithing and live music at Falls Church Farm Day. The annual City event was held last Saturday in Cherry Hill Park and was sponsored by the Recreation & Parks Division.



## Classes and Events

**Special Events**  
**Halloween Carnival**  
Saturday, Oct. 27  
Community Center, 223 Little Falls St.  
Infants through fifth graders are invited to enjoy carnival games, a moon bounce, face painting, crafts, and candy! Event festivities are open to infants through second graders from 6 p.m.-7 p.m.; from 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. the event is open to third through fifth graders. A live "Raptor Show" featuring birds of prey by The Raptor Conservancy of Virginia will be held at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. for infants through fifth graders. Call 703-248-5077 (TTY 711) for more information.

**Tree Squad Planting**  
Saturday, Nov. 17, 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.  
Location TBD  
Experienced tree planters needed to plant trees in the City right-of-way adjacent to properties where owners have requested a free street tree.

Learn new landscaping skills and enjoy the crisp fall weather. To volunteer at this event, call 703-536-3049 or e-mail [colsel@verizon.net](mailto:colsel@verizon.net). To see if your right-of-way qualifies for a free street tree, contact the City Arborist at 703-248-5183 (TTY 711) or e-mail [jspence@fallschurchva.gov](mailto:jspence@fallschurchva.gov).

**Mary Riley Styles Library Activities**  
120 N. Virginia Ave.

**Value Line Investment Survey Seminars**  
Saturday, Oct. 13, 9:30 a.m.  
Monday, Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m.  
The library is offering two free one-hour seminars on interpreting and using company data found on the Value Line Investment Survey. Register at the Reference Desk or call 703-248-5035 (TTY 711).



City of Falls Church  
Farmers Market  
Every Saturday  
from 8 a.m. - Noon

## Going Green

### Fall 2007 Tree Planting Parties

Enjoy the crisp fall weather, burn a few calories, and do a good deed for the environment – sign up to volunteer at the fall Neighborhood Tree Program (NTP) events. You'll learn how to properly plant a tree, pick up some new landscaping skills, and put those skills to work planting new trees in the City right-of-way in residential neighborhoods.

The NTP works to reduce summer temperatures and storm water runoff, improve air quality, beautify neighborhoods and increase property values by 20 percent in our community. They accomplish all this by the simple act of planting trees!

#### Fulton Avenue Tree Planting Party

Saturday, Oct. 27, 9:30 a.m.-Noon

Rain Date: Sunday, Oct. 28 or Saturday, Nov. 10

Meet at the corner of North Oak Street and Fulton Avenue.

#### Tree Squad Planting

Saturday, Nov. 17, 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Location TBD

The NTP was initiated by the Falls Church Village Preservation and Improvement Society in 2000 and continues to be run by citizen volunteers working in partnership with the City's Urban Forestry Division. Volunteers raise money to purchase trees and then plant them in the City right-of-way in residential neighborhoods.

For more information about the program or to see if your right-of-way qualifies for a free street tree, contact City Arborist Jill-Anne Spence at 703-248-5183 (TTY 711) or e-mail [jspence@fallschurchva.gov](mailto:jspence@fallschurchva.gov).

If you would like to volunteer with the NTP, please call NTP Steering Committee Chair Seth Heminway at 703-536-3049 or e-mail [colsel@verizon.net](mailto:colsel@verizon.net).

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## Two City Hall Offices to Relocate Temporarily

The Commissioner of the Revenue's and Treasurer's offices will temporarily relocate to the Training Center (located in the G Corridor of City Hall) on or around Oct. 13 and will remain there through February 2008. **Both offices will be closed Friday, Oct. 12.** Regularly scheduled meetings in the Training Center will be held in the Community Center.

For more information visit [www.fallschurchva.gov/CHReconfig.html](http://www.fallschurchva.gov/CHReconfig.html). Check back here next week for an update on the project.

**Falls Church Recreation & Parks Division**  
223 Little Falls Street  
Falls Church, VA 22046  
703-248-5077\*

#### Phone Numbers

Open Gym/Weather Hotline	703-248-5125*
Special Events Hotline	703-248-5178*
Fax	703-536-5125
Senior Center	703-248-5020*/21*

#### Community Center Hours

Monday-Thursday	8 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Friday	8 a.m. - Midnight
Saturday	8:30 a.m. - Midnight
Sunday	Noon - 6 p.m.

#### Open Gym Hours

Open Gym hours are updated on a bi-weekly basis and are also posted on the Open Gym Hotline, 703-248-5125\*. All hours are subject to change.

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